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FOR:

WATER-ABSORBING COMPOSITES, PREPARATION PROCESSES THEREOF AND WATER-

ABSORBING ARTICLES

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME **UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

It is hereby requested that a one month extension of time be granted to July 25, 2003 for

filing a response to the Official Action dated: March 25, 2003

responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:

filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due

has been timely filed.

responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:

filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due

has been filed.

filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$110.00 is enclosed herewith by check and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. <u>15-0030</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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